

# COWBOYS AND RANCH LIFE

THE OLD WEST MEETS URBAN MONTANA



## › APPROX. 20 MI. / HALF DAY

*“There isn’t a place in the world you can go where they don’t know about cowboys and Indians and the myth of the west.”*

- Cormac McCarthy

WESTERN CULTURE IS EMBEDDED IN BILLINGS. OUR CITY PROVIDES A GREAT MIX OF MODERN AMENITIES ALONG WITH THOSE SEATED IN WESTERN TRADITION. IF YOU’RE ON THE PROWL FOR A WESTERN EXPERIENCE, MAKE SURE YOU TAKE TIME TO ENJOY THE STOPS ON THIS ITINERARY.

## › MORNING

Start your morning off at **Rand’s Custom Hats**. This shop will provide you with a custom fitted cowboy hat and a learning experience in this craft. Once you’re done here, head on over to **Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters**. This western store has locations in Montana and Wyoming, and they provide visitors with western goods for everyone.

**Extra:** Billings’ offers options for horseback riding, too. Schedule a time with **Bitter Creek Outfitters** or **Elk Rivers Outfitters** to have a fantastic morning or evening on horseback. (Fees Vary, call for appointment)

## › NOON

Since you’re downtown, grab some lunch at one of Billings’ great **restaurants** and drive up to the **Yellowstone County Museum**. It was organized in 1953 and sits atop the rims at Logan International Airport overlooking the city of Billings and the scenic Yellowstone River Valley. Entrance to the more than 15,000 artifacts representing the area’s history is through an authentic pioneer log cabin. The museum is free of charge and open 11 months of the year. It is truly a treasure chest of Montana’s past. (Free Admission)

## › AFTERNOON

MetraPark is the event hub in Billings. It also features the **Montana Pro Rodeo Hall and Wall of Fame**, accompanied by an 18 foot sculpture depicting a rider. This is a quick stop, but you can always plan to visit before an event at MetraPark, and if you’re lucky, the rodeo will be in town for you to enjoy. Check our **event** calendar for options!

**Extra:** Enjoy **Two Moon Park**. This trails runs along the Yellowstone River and it’s truly breathtaking.

## › EVENING

Enjoy some of Billings’ western style restaurants like **Jake’s** and **Montana Rib & Chop**, or dine at the legendary Walker’s Grill for a western chic option, or take in the **Walking Brewery District**.

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